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ABSTRACT

The writing workshop has endured and even flourished in thousands of schools across the country because no other approach or program matches the writing workshop when it comes to growing strong writers. This guide introduces and explains the writing workshop and reveals how it can be a potent tool for empowering young writers. The guide aims to be a practical book, providing everything a teacher needs to get the writing workshop up and running. In clear language, it explains the simple principles that underlie the writing workshop and explores the major components that make it work. Each chapter in the guide addresses an essential element, then suggests five or six specific things a teacher can do to implement the idea under discussion. There is also a separate chapter entitled "What about Skills?" which shows how to effectively teach skills in the context of writing. The guide closes with 16 appendixes, including 11 practical forms to ensure that the workshop runs smoothly, as well as strategies, editing, and assessment materials. Contains a glossary and suggestions for additional reading for the teacher. Contains 35 references. (NKA)

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